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SUBJECT; HAILE SELASSIE VISIT: KAGNEW STATION

1. ACTING SECRETARY INFORMED EMPEROR MAY 15 THAT CHANGEOVER FROM ARMY TO NAVY IN RESPONSIBILITY FOR OPERATION KAGNEW STATION WOULD RESULT IN REDUCTION OF SOME PERSONNEL. FUTURE OF KAGNEW ALSO UNDER REVIEW. NO DECISION YET MADE WHETHER STATION WILL BE CLOSED BUT IRRESPECTIVE OF DECISION, IT WILL NOT AFFECT OUR INTEREST IN OR OUR CONTINUING TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA. ACTING SECRETARY INDICATED THAT LEVEL OF SUCH ASSISTANCE DEPENDED ON CONGRESSIONAL ACTION CONCERNING AID LEGISLATION WHICH IS UNDER SEVERE ATTACK BY MANY IN THE CONGRESS.

2. ACTING SECRETARY EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS RAISING KAGNEW BECAUSE OF OUR DESIRE KEEP EMPEROR FULLY INFORMED WELL IN ADVANCE OF ANY FINAL DECISION. STUDY CONCERNING FUTURE OF  
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KAGNEW RELATES SOLELY TO MILITARY NEEDS AND ECONOMIC FACTORS.

3. IN REPLY, EMPEROR NOTED THAT DESPITE POTENTIAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS FOR ETHIOPIA AS CONSEQUENCE OF HIS AGREEING TO ESTABLISHMENT OF KAGNEW IN ETHIOPIAN TERRITORY AND ITS CONTINUATION FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD, AT NO TIME HAD HE OR IEG REFUSED COOPERATE WITH US REGARDING STATION. " THAT IS OUR POLICY AND OUR STAND", EMPEROR DECLARED. EMPEROR ADDED THAT DECISION TO CLOSE KAGNEW WAS EXCLUSIVELY ONE FOR US TO MAKE. RUSH

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